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Eighth annual reunion Biggs,
Ballard, Broyles families

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REUNION

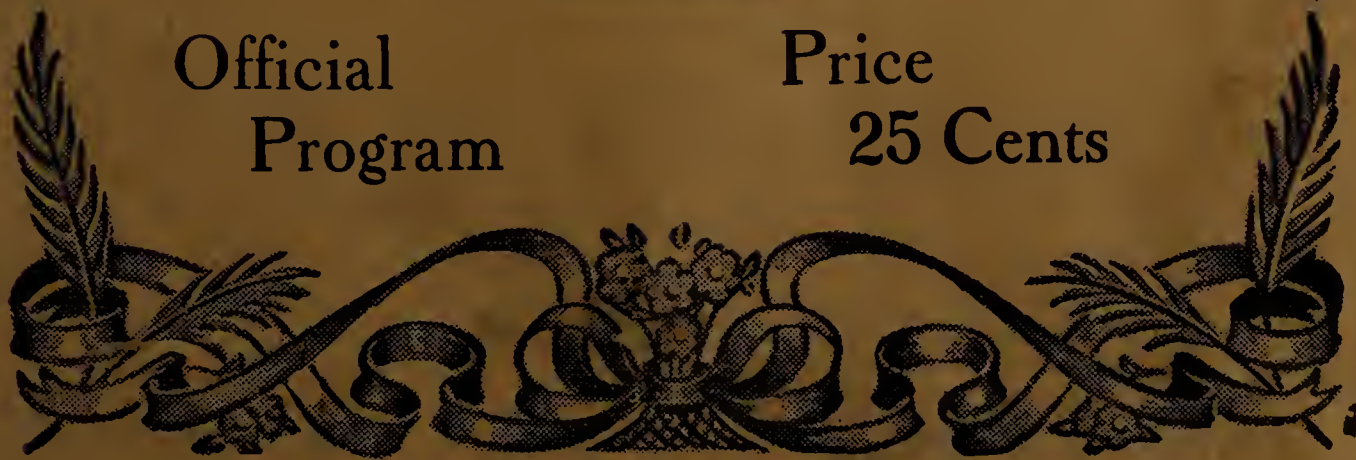
**BIGGS---BALLARD---BROYLES
FAMILIES**

PINE GROVE
Lindside, Monroe Co.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1938

Official
Program

Price
25 Cents



THE MOUNTAINS

By D. M. HOKE, M. D.

"From time immemorial it has been the custom of the human race to select the mountain tops for great events. There is inspiration in the heights, for men like to get closer to their God, and most of the world's outstanding occurrences have made mountains the sentinels of human history.

"It was on Mt. Horeb that Moses saw the burning bush and heard the call of God to leadership; it was on Mt. Sinai that the law which is the basis of our laws today was given to men, and from the lofty heights of Mt. Pisgah the old patriarch and law-giver saw the promised land. Christ was a mountain man for Bethlehem was a rugged village; the sermon on the mount was the sweetest and most comforting and inspiring that ever floated into speech. It was on Mt. Calvary that humanity's sublimest tragedy took place, and it was there that the fingers of Divine Love struck the first notes in the grand march of a world redeemed. It was appropriate that this reunion should be held at Pine Grove Park in the mountains.

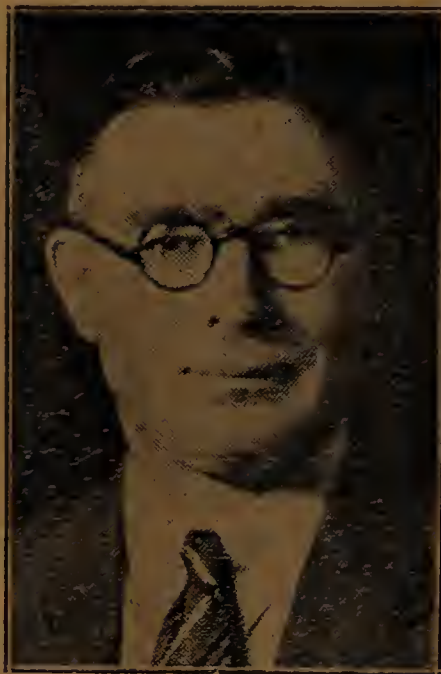
"The mountains are the principal ornaments of this beautiful world of ours, and listen if you will: God made men to match his mountains and they wandered far but found their homeland."

"Sweeter to me than the salt sea spray,
The fragrance of summer rains,
"Nearer by heart are these mighty hills
Than all of the windswept plains—

"Dearer the sight of the laurel-bloom
By the roadside's dusty way
"Than all the splendor of blossom fields
Ablaze in the sun of May—

"Gay as the bold poinsettia is,
And the burden of pepper trees,
The rhododendron of West Virginia
Is richer to me than these.

"And rising ever above the song
Of the hoarse insistent sea"
Is the voice of Pine Grove Park in the
mountain
Calling, calling me."



DR. D. M. HOKE

Past President and member of the Executive Committee of the 3 B's Reunion

THE FRIENDSHIP CREED OF THE 3 B's

When a Biggs, Broyles, or Ballard approach each other at life's crossing, both shall come to a complete stop, shake hands, and neither shall start on until the other has gone.

PINE GROVE SCHOOL

RED SULPHUR DISTRICT, MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Term October 29, 1900-1901

S. P. MANN, Teacher

TRUSTEES:—John L. McGhee, John G. Dillion, Lon M. Lively



PUPILS—Back row left to right—Charles Biggs, Charles Crawford, Joel Crawford, Henry Ballard, Willie Lively, Tom Fleshman, Harvey Dillion, George Biggs, Otey Counter, John Ballard, Hugh Dillion, Angie Biggs.

Second Row—Cleave Ballard, Frank Dillion, Fred Dillion, Lee Coulter, Eugene Charlton, Rosa Broyles, Edna Fleshman, Nannie Lively, Lura Riner, Leia Coulter, Dana McGhee, Bessie Counter, Ollie Charlton, Effie McGhee.

Third row—Pearl Broyles, Lelia Charlton, Leona Lively.

Front row sitting—Kenna Coulter, Wilber Ballard, Myrtle Fleshman, Mary Lively, Mattie Fleshman, Minnie Lively, Flora Akers, Blanche Akers, Stanley Weaver, Charlie Fleshman, Mary Sue McDaniel, Allen Crawford, Clarence Weaver.

OBITUARIES

of
"UNCLE CHAP" AND "REBEL JOHN"

IN REALMS OF REST

A. C. BIGGS

Monroe county lost her oldest and one of her best citizens when Mr. Augustus Chapman Biggs passed into the Great Beyond at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ballard, near Pine Grove Church in Red Sulphur district last Saturday morning, July 23, 1921. He was in the 93rd year of his age. As a Confederate soldier, as an honest man whose rugged integrity never failed, and as a Christian he made a record of many virtues which we all honor. In all his relations he trod the path of duty—in simplicity of life, in affection toward his family, in kindness toward his neighbors and with a good conscience toward God and man. What an achievement is such a good and wholesome life, kept cheery and staunch 'till all was done!

The funeral of Mr. Biggs was held in Pine Grove Church last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. L. D. Candler of Peterstown, conducting the services, after which the remains of the deceased were committed to earth in the Broyles cemetery by the Masons of the Peterstown Lodge, of which Mr. Biggs was the oldest member. A great assemblage attended the obsequies. The following sketch of Mr. Biggs was sent us by a friend:

Augustus Chapman Biggs, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Biggs, was born April 28, 1829, in Giles Co., Va., near the mouth of Big Stony Creek. His parents moved across the mountains to Monroe county in what is now West Virginia when he was 4 years old and from that time he lived in the same community until his death which occurred July 23rd, 1921, at 10:15 a. m., being 92 years, 2 months and 17 days old. He was twice married—first to Miss Lydia Broyles, May 2nd, 1850. To this union 4 children were born—Elizabeth Susan, James Henry, Mary Ann and John Lee. Elizabeth Susan, James Henry and Mary Ann live in Monroe county, and Jno. L. in Mercer county, W. Va. Mr. Biggs' first wife died Nov. 18, 1877. On Nov. 7, 1878, he married Miss Delilah Ballard and to this union two sons were born, George Washington, of Fayette county, and Charles William of Monroe county. His second wife died May 20th, 1910, and since that time Mr. Biggs made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Susan Ballard. He served during the Confederate war in Clark's Battalion of Infantry. Mr. Biggs was a consistent member of the Baptist Church for 65 years or longer. As to the life he has lived the people of the community in which he dwelt so long are the ones best to judge. He has one surviving sister, Mrs. Harriett McGhee, living at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. She is now 72 years of age. One brother, Miles W. Biggs, a Confederate soldier, was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor. Another brother, William Biggs, died at Fayetteville, W. Va., during the war, of typhoid fever.

IN REALMS OF REST

JOHN C. BALLARD

Monroe county lost a staunch and good citizen in the death of Mr. John C. Ballard which took place at his home near Red Sulphur Springs on Friday, May 2, 1913. His age was 87 years, 4 months and 18 days. For several months he had suffered greatly from a species of blood poison and death came to him as a sweet release. Mr. Ballard was born in this county Dec. 14, 1825. When the war between the States broke out he followed his convictions of duty and enlisted in the Confederate army. For nearly four years he served with courage and fidelity in the 26th Va. (Edgar's) Battalion of Infantry. To distinguish him from kinsmen of opposite political faith he was popularly called "Rebel John" Ballard, and he took pride in the appellation. No noisy blusterer was he, but a man of sterling qualities, steadfast and true, a kind neighbor and an affectionate husband and father. For 59 years he was a loyal member of the Baptist Church. On Sept. 11, 1844, he married Miss Elizabeth McGhee. She preceded him to the grave 14 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard were the parents of 11 children, 9 of whom are living. They are Messrs. Wm., Joel, Wilson, John, Jr., Alexander and Chas. N. Ballard, and Mrs. Lewis W. Broyles, Mrs. James Dunn and Mrs. John Akers, all of whom reside in Red Sulphur or Springfield district, this county. The deceased leaves also 39 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The body of the good old citizen and soldier was laid in the grave in the family cemetery near his home by the side of his wife on Sunday, May 4. Rev. Henry Dillon preached the funeral sermon. A very large gathering of neighbors and friends was present.

The foregoing 'Obituaries' were preserved by C. C. Ballard, reassembled by Dr. D. M. Hoke and placed in the program by Guy C. Biggs, a son of Augustus Lee Biggs, grandson of James Henry "Jim" Biggs and great-grandson of Augustus Chapman "Uncle Chap" Biggs.

Three B's Reunion

BALLARDS

BIGGS

BROYLES

OUR PRIDE:—The noble heritage posterity has bequeathed us.

OUR AIM:—To keep unsullied this noble heritage.

OUR HOPE:—That the 3 B's shall ever memorialize this heritage.

To our Fathers and Mothers who have crossed the Great Divide, who by their devotion, self-sacrifice and faith in posterity, made possible the blessings we now enjoy; this Program is lovingly dedicated.

IN MEMORIAM

OUR PIONEER ANCESTORS

THOMAS BIGGS

JOHN WILSON BALLARD

PETER BROYLES

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THREE B's REUNION 1938



GUY H. BIGGS

Superintendent Monroe County Schools,
Union, West Virginia

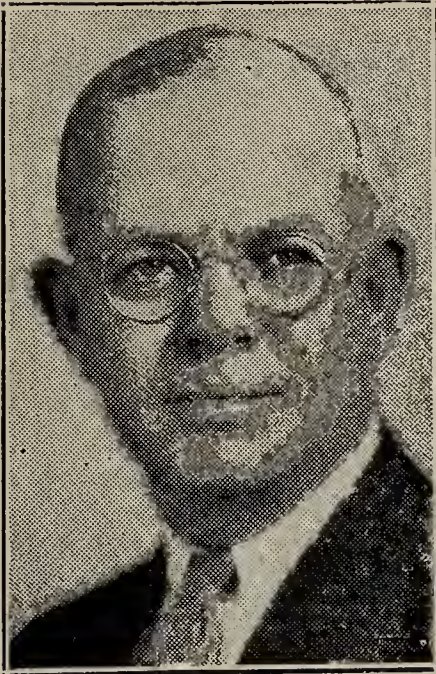
Some have been good merchants
And were honest as Abe Lincoln
While some have turned to pedagogs
To train the young in thinkin'.

Son of Augustus L. and Sidney Miller Biggs, born and reared at Wikel, Monroe County.

Taught school in Monroe and Summers Counties for 10 years. Elected County Superintendent of Schools of Monroe County in 1930. Was appointed County Superintendent of Schools by the Monroe County Board of Education in 1935 and is still serving in that capacity. President Three B's Reunion 1938 and one of the editors of the Eighth Annual Reunion booklet.

Greatly interested in Three B's Reunion, hoping to bring all Ballards, Biggs and Broyles that are scattered throughout America in one great reunion.

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Past President 3 B's Reunion



GEORGE W. BALLARD
Past President



MRS. GEORGE W. BIGGS
Secretary-Treasurer



PROGRAM



MORNING SESSION

10:00—Reunion called to order	Guy H. Biggs, President
10:10—Address of Welcome	S. P. Mann
10:20—Music	Peterstown High School Band
10:30—Invocation	Rev. L. D. Candler
10:40—Music	Harvey and Payne Sisters
10:50—Address	Rev. R. R. Gray
11:20—Music	B. B. B. String Band
11:30—Address	Frank Porter
12:00—NOON—Social Hour—Music by Band	



AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30—Report of Secretary	Mrs. George W. Biggs
1:35—Song	Hon. Grover C. Mitchell
1:40—Music	B. B. B. String Band
1:50—Introduction of Visitors	
2:00—Music	Ryan Quartette
2:40—Music	A. L. Bennett
2:50—Address	Dr. A. B. Moore

The Relatives and Friends of the 3 B's and Public are Cordially Invited



AN APPRECIATION

To all who have contributed funds to make this booklet possible the writer, in behalf of the 3 B's Reunion, desires to extend to you our sincere thanks, and we hope we are leaving with you a little souvenir of this meeting as well as the pictures of many faces, once familiar, of those we loved so well but long since passed from our sight.

A Sketch of Monroe County History

By GUY H. BIGGS

Monroe is the first transallegheeny county of West Virginia to be trodden by the feet of European explorers. The visit took place 64 years after the founding of Jamestown and at least 70 years before any white person attempted to make his home here. The person in command of the expedition was Major Abraham Wood, who in 1671 led a small expedition from Fort Henry Virginia, over the Blue Ridge, up the Roanoke River valley, and to the site now occupied by the city of Radford. At this point the expedition took a northerly course, crossed the mountains and traversed a section of what is now Monroe County, beginning near the Gap Mills section and going through the territory now occupied by Union and thence down the Indian Creek valley to its junction with New River. The Wood expedition went to a point a short distance below the present city of Hinton and then returned to Fort Henry.

The first settler in Monroe County was James Moss. We are told that he built a cabin at Sweet Springs in 1760. Probably the second settler to make his home in Monroe County was James Byrnside. His son, John, was born near Union in 1763. The Moss', Byrnside's and other families were driven out of Monroe County by the Shawnee Indians in 1765. This region was soon resettled and by 1774 a chain of settlements extended all the way from Sweet Springs to Gap Mills and to the head of Indian Creek, and thence down Indian Creek to its mouth.

After the Revolutionary War the settlement of Monroe County went on at a rapid pace. Monroe was organized as a county in 1799. The town of Union was established in 1800. It has been the county seat during the entire history of the county.

The people of Monroe County are largely of Anglo-Saxon stock. Within the confines of the county there has been little, if any, fusion with foreign blood. While there are five negro communities in the county the colored people do not mix in social and religious affairs with the whites. The colored people are law abiding. Many of them have become distinguished in the ministry and the field of education.

The people of Monroe County are a composite group. Their laws and their language were derived from England. Practically all of the people are Protestants. There is only one Catholic church in the county and its membership is very small. Perhaps no county in the United States enjoys a higher type of citizenship. The people are law abiding, temperate and industrious. The crime record of the members of the Biggs, Ballard and Broyles families has been almost negligible. The members of these families have always supported the churches, the schools and other public institutions. In time of war they have always answered the call of their country. Many of them have distinguished themselves upon the field of battle. However they are a peace loving people. All are hopeful that war will never appear again on the continent of North America. What has been said above of the Biggs, Ballard and Broyles families may be said of the other families which constitutes the fine citizenry of Monroe County.

The young people are, on the whole, a very splendid group of citizens. The majority of them are well educated. Many are college and university graduates. Quite a number are leaders in religious work. They are civic minded and are doing much to promote good citizenship. The girls have long been famed for their charm, character and beauty. We close this brief sketch with the poems entitled "The Girls of Old Monroe", by Roland E. Ballard of

Journèyed they o'er Alleghenies
When they had no roads to tread,
And the hardships of the forests
Never furnished them a dread;

They possèssed the spirit needed
For a home of Freedom born,
And they could not be discouraged
Though in contact they were shorn.

Rock Camp, West Virginia, and "Hard To Beat" by Frank Porter of Beckley, West Virginia.

THE GIRLS OF OLD MONROE

There's a garden 'mid the mountains
Where the brightest flowers bloom,
Where the balmy southern zephyr
Fills the air with sweet perfume;
But the fairest of the flowers
Where the balmy breezes blow,
Are earth's rarest, fairest maidens—
The girls of old Monroe.

France may claim with pride her lilies,
England boast her queenly rose,
Travelers tell of tropic splendor
Where the fragrant orchids blow;
But the rugged Alleghenies
Where the gentlest breezes blow
Hold the brightest and the fairest—
The girls of old Monroe.

You may see the bright stars gleaming
On a balmy summer night
But a sudden misty shadow
Seems to dim their brilliant light,
When bright eyes are turned upon you,
Lit by beauty's radiant glow,
Given alone in matchless splendor
To the girls of old Monroe.

There are dreams of rarest beauty
Hidden in the artist's mind,
That for ways to give expression
He may search but may not find.
If he would fulfill his dreaming,
Of that rare and radiant glow,
He may find that matchless beauty
'Mong the girls of old Monroe.

HARD TO BEAT

Not having lived in old Monroe,
I never could appreciate
The splendid crops of things they grow,
And friendly people where we go,
In that fine portion of our state,
Till finally—I went out there,
And saw their corn, and fruit, and
wheat,
With all their meadow-lands so fair,
And then I said "It's hard to beat."

I met a lot of folks you know,
Along the haunts of Industry,
Who used to live in Old Monroe
And they seem sound from head to toe,
And just as wholesome as can be,
Just hosts of Ballards, Broyles and Manns,
With Houchins, Harveys, Hancock's
too,
And many other family clans,
That seem a pushing, winning crew.

Now I'm from out another state,
Perhaps from Ancient Celtic Clan,
But old Monroe I think is great,
I love it well,—now get this straight,
For now —I'M WEST VIRGINIAN.
I love these hills and valleys fine
With heart and mind—from head to
feet,
It cheers—like ancient Oil and Wine,
And so I shout, "It's hard to beat."

By Frank Porter
Beckley, W. Va.—1938

THE BIGGS

Dedicated to the descendants of Thomas Biggs

By D. M. HOKE, M. D.

Journeyed they o'er Alleghenies
When they had no roads to tread,
And the hardships of the forests
Never furnished them a dread;

They possessed the spirit needed
For a home of Freedom born.
And they could not be discouraged
Though in contact they were shorn.

When they reached the Indian Valley
With its scenes so nobly grand
The brave and sturdy Thomas Biggs said
"Right here we'll make our stand."

Though the Indians tried to slay them
And no neighbors near had they,
But they meant to brave this wildness
For their spirits said to stay;

With the ax they built their mansion
In the forest wild and deep,
And no howl of beast nor savage
Could disturb their nightly sleep;

The hardships of the jungle
Was to them mere childish fun,
But their meals sometimes depended
On their skillful use of gun;

You can all see very plainly
That they did not starve to death
For to try to count their numbers
Puts you almost out of breath.

From this humble settler's cabin
They have scattered everywhere,
In all lines of occupation
You find the Biggs have their share;

They are perched upon each hillside
And in ev'ry glade and glen,
And you'll find them patriotic
Just the same as other men;

Some have made quite able preachers
In their duty to their God;
Others made successful farmers
As they worked with plant and sod;

Some have had careers in business
That we'd have to call success;
Some have made such skillful lawyers
Thy could clear up any mess;

Some have gone away to legislate,
Just to help make useful laws;
Some have gone away as soldiers
To defend their Country's cause;

Some have been good merchants
And were honest as Abe Lincoln;
While some have turned to pedagogs
To train the young in thinkin'

Some have gone into the earth
To get coal from the mines;
Some have guided locomotives
On the greatest railroad lines.

Yes, they have been a busy people
And they've been both wrong and right
And may do anything from preaching
Down to making futures bright.

Some have made successful Doctors
With their skill so nobly grand;
And I refer to one in person
Who is now upon this stand.

Now, no matter what they're doing
And regardless of their creed
They must have a big reunion
For it's just the thing they need;

They will there forget their labors
And meet friends of former years
Where friendship shall be cherished
And bring many happy tears.

THE BIGGS FAMILY

GENEALOGY

By Dwight Moody Hoke, A. B., B. S., M. D.



It is the boast of American society and civilization that men have risen to eminence in nearly all departments of life unaided by the advantages incidental to hereditary preferment. Nevertheless, the people of this country do not fail to place a proper value on respectable and illustrious lineage, and when a man in any way or through any circumstances has attained distinction in the world, there is a natural curiosity in the minds of his countrymen to know both his origin and the history of those from whom he has descended.

Thomas Biggs comes of a family illustrious in both England and America—one, as history attests, worthy of him as he was worthy of it. But his renown is due mainly to the part he himself has played both in peace and war, which has at once reflected honor on the memory of his ancestors and added to his own

name a noble distinction of which his descendants may be justly proud.

To those who have the curiosity or desire to know "from whence came this Virginian," it is proper to state that his ancestry may be clearly traced to the Norman Conquest. The founder of the family, William Biggs, came originally from Hapsburg, Dominion of Germany, in the near vicinity of Amsterdam, Holland. He entered England with William the Conqueror, distinguished himself at the battle of Hastings, and acquired an estate in Essex.

A later member of the family, James Biggs, took part in the third Crusade, following Richard Coeur de Lion to Palestine, at the head of a company of "gentlemen cavaliers." He displayed great gallantry at the siege of Acre, and in return for his services was made Earl of Litchfield, while another estate, afterwards called "Ditchly" was bestowed upon the family. He was afterwards known by the familiar name or title of "Jerusalem Jim" Biggs. The armor worn by "Jerusalem Jim" Biggs in the crusade may still be seen in the Horse Armory of the Tower of London.

The line of descendants of Thomas Biggs can be traced directly from John Biggs, a younger son of the Earl of Litchfield, who was the fifth from Sir Thomas Biggs, Knight of the Garter in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. This John Biggs, during the reign of Charles I of England, came to America as colonial aid under the governorship of Sir William Berkley. He was possessed of a handsome person, fine talents, and popular manners, and by these qualities was enabled to secure influence over the colonists. He was accompanied to America by two brothers, James and William, and the tradition of the three brother emigrants had its inception at this time.

The country of Virginia, with its diversity of hill and dale, its mild climate, fertile soil, and attractive scenery at an early period won the attention of the Washington, Fairfax, Biggs, and other distinguished families, and they naturally established their homes in this attractive situation. Here they evinced many of the traits, characteristics, and customs of English society. Frequently they made the country ring with the merry sound of the horn and the hound as they swept through field and wood in pursuit of the wiley fox or the bounding stag. In the life and habits of these people and others of like descent and customs was found the germ of that martial spirit which characterizes what is called "chivalry of Virginia."

Returning to the three brothers, John, William and James Biggs, who came to America before the Revolutionary War the exact date of which cannot be ascertained. John settled in Virginia and served three years in this war under General Washington, intimately known to the General and frequently served as his private barber. He married a lady in Virginia the name of whom I do not know. To them were born seven children: John, James, Moses, Thomas the writer's great-grandfather, William, Betsey, and Lydia (the writer's mother Lydia Biggs Hoke was a namesake of this ancestor).

John settled in Botetourt, Va. His wife's name is not known, but he had two sons, William and Allen. William died when quite young. Allen lived near Buckhannon during the Civil

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THOMAS BIGGS ("Tommy")
Son of John Biggs and Father of Miles,
Wilson, William, Thomas and Chapman
Biggs

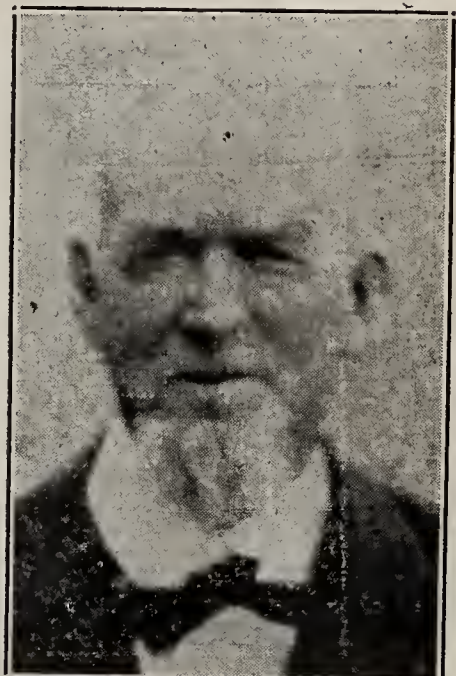


AUGUSTUS C. BIGGS (Left)
WILSON BIGGS (Right)

The muffled drums sad role has beat
The soldier's last tattoo,
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
But glory guards with solemn round
The ground that we must tread.



WILLIAM HOKE ("Grandpa Billy")
Dr. D. M. Hoke's Great Grandfather,
was a contemporary of Thomas Biggs



JOHN C. BALLARD
("Rebel John")

No rumor of the foe's advance
Now swells upon the mind,
No troubled thought at midnight haunts
Of loved ones left behind.
Your own proud Sons heroic toil
Shall be your fitter grave,
He clams from war its richest spoil—
His soldiers' true and brave.
By D. M. Hoke, M. D.



MILES H. BIGGS

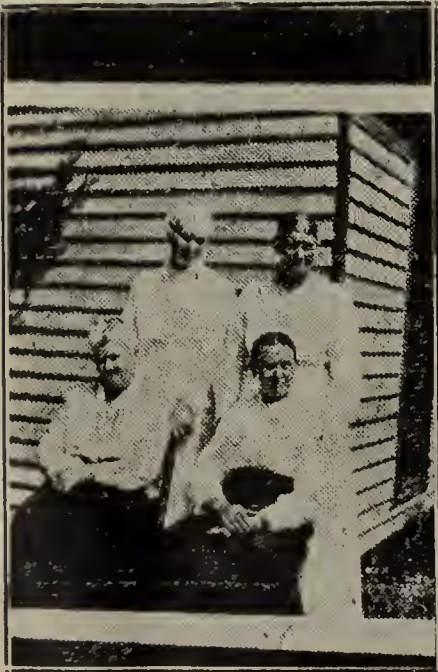
Son of Thomas Biggs was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War and was killed in action during the second battle of Cold Harbor, near Richmond, Va. He was buried in the military cemetery at this place.



NANCY ANN LIVELY-BIGGS

Wife of Miles H. Biggs and her daughter "Hanie".

Some have gone away to Legislate,
Just to help make useful laws;
Some have gone away as soldiers
To defend their Country's cause.



Left to Right: seated—Lydia Biggs Hoke
Agnus Biggs Parker
Standing—Hanie Parker Mustain
Bettie Biggs Jones



CELIA PARKER CLARKSON
With her daughter Carrie

"It's the little humble things
That makes the Biggs Big."



ELIZABETH J. BIGGS-DAUGHERTY-JONES ("Aunt Bettie") and daughter Clara



"LYDIA" BIGGS
"Aunt Bettie's" sister

Though the Indians tried to slay them
And no neighbors near had they;
But they meant to brave this wilderness
For their spirits said to stay.



THE BIGGS FAMILY

Left to Right: Seated—Will Scott Campbell, Mary Biggs Campbell, Augustus C. Biggs, Delilah Ballard Biggs, William Ballard, Susan Biggs Ballard. Standing, Left to Right—Charley W. Biggs, Geo. W. Biggs, John Biggs, James Biggs and Sarah Biggs.

They possessed the spirit needed
For a home of freedom born;
And they could not be discouraged
Though in contact they were shorn.



CHRISTOPHER C. HOKE
Son of Henry and Susan Hoke



LYDIA FRANCES BIGGS
(As a young girl) Third daughter of
Miles Biggs and Nancy Ann Lively Biggs

Some have made quite able teachers
In their duty to their God;
Others made successful farmers
As they worked with plant and sod.



THE HOKE FAMILY

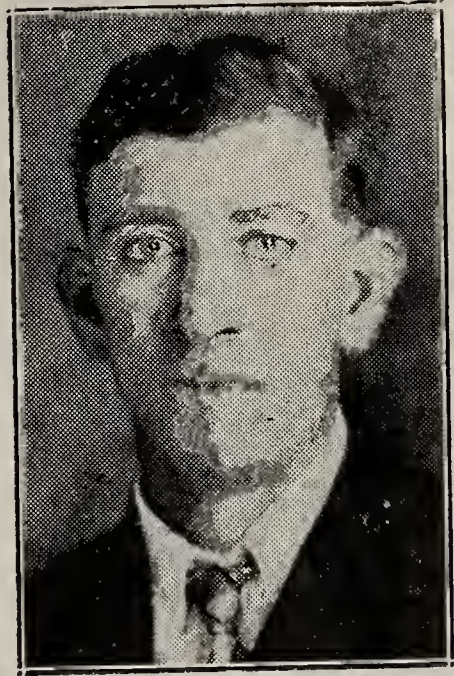
Left to Right: Seated—Wallace Talbert Hoke, Christopher C. Hoke, Virginia Hoke Auvil, Miles Kester Hoke. Standing—Ollie M. Clarkson, Pearl Hoke Clarkson, and Twins Talbert and Ruby (in front), Gaye Hoke, Dr. Dwight Moody Hoke, Lydia Biggs Hoke ("Aunt Lid") Dr. Rex L. Hoke and Conie D. Hoke.

You can all see very plainly
That they did not starve to death;
For to try to count their numbers
Puts you almost out of breath.



JOHN L. & MATTIE (Hern) BIGGS

John was the fourth child of Augustus Chapman and Elizabeth (Broyles) Biggs. Born and reared at old Biggs home-stead at Pine Grove, near Lindside.



CHARLES WILLIAM BIGGS
 ("Charlie") The youngest and only surviving son of Augustus Chapman Biggs and Delilah Ballard Biggs—was born and reared at Pine Grove.

When they reached the Indian Valley
 With its scenes so nobly grand
 The brave and sturdy Thomas Biggs said
 "Right here we'll make our stand."



This photograph represents the first 3 B's Reunion in 1930 assembled under the spreading boughs of this sturdy tree guarding like a faithful sentinel and marking the site of the Home-stead of Augustus Chapman Biggs at Pine Grove, Lindside, Monroe County, West Virginia.

Now, no matter what they're doing
 And regardless of their creed;
 They must have a big reunion
 For it's just the thing they need.



DORSEY E. BIGGS

Brother of Herbert and third son, is a newspaper man of Beckley, W. Va. He has been associated with the Beckley Newspapers Corporation, which publishes the Post-Herald and Raleigh Register, for over 13 years.



HERBERT E. BIGGS

of East Rainelle, W. Va.

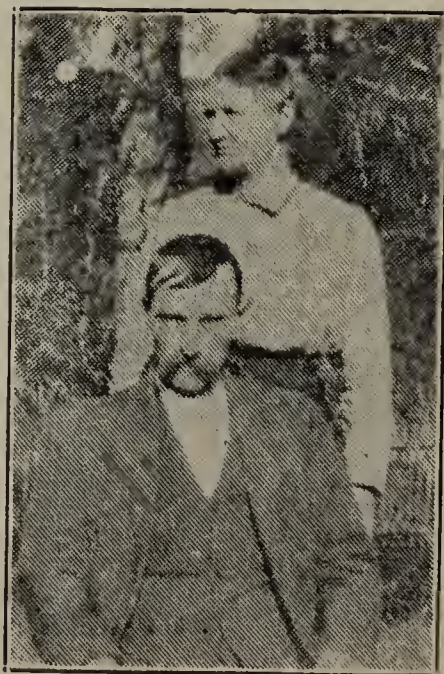
Second son of Albert Sidney Johnson Biggs and Reva Ball Biggs, is a merchant. He is President of the Meadow River Lions Club and is very active in the business and civic enterprises of that section.

They are perched upon each hillside
And in every glade and glen;
And you'll find them patriotic
Just the same as other men.



JOHN A. BIGGS

Oldest son of Reed Biggs and Ella Windsor Biggs and Grandson of Andrew Jackson Biggs.



MAHALA ADELINE BIGGS

Daughter of Wilson Biggs and Angeline Shultz Biggs and Husband, James Clay Akers.

THE BIGGS FAMILY

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War, and at that time Augustus Chapman Biggs visited him and he gave him this record.

James the 2nd. son settled in Maumee County, Indiana. He married a Dutch lady, and to this union two sons were born. Names not known.

Moses the 3rd. son settled in Jackson County, Missouri, and this is all the record I have been able to find of him.

William the 4th. son died in infancy.

Betsy married James Hackett and moved to Ohio in the pioneer days.

William, one of the "Three Brothers" and brother of John that came to America settled in what is now Maryland.

James, the other of the "Three Brothers" settled in Kentucky or Tennessee. I cannot find a true record of which place.

My great-grandfather, Thomas Biggs, was born in 1798 in Giles County, Virginia, was twice married, the first wife was Miss Juda Campbell. To this union two daughters were born: Delilah and Melvina. Delilah married Henry Miller and lived on Indian Creek, Monroe County, Va., now West Virginia. They had three girls: Mandy (m-Marshall Mann), Caroline (m-Miller), Rhoda (m-Henry Young). Melvina, the 2nd. daughter was never married, remained with her father until his death and then she made her home with her half brother, A. Chapman Biggs until her death.

The second marriage was to Miss Elizabeth Fillinger, of near Big Stoney Creek, Giles Co., Va. Five sons and three daughters came to this union: Augustus Chapman, William, Miles (my grandfather). Thomas, Sallie, Wilson, Harriett and Cilistine. In or near the year 1833 they moved to Monroe Vo. Va., to place known as the "Dunbar Place" on a creek called Blue Lick, now West Virginia. Lived here until the year 1868. He died of dropsy at the age of 70 years. His grown sons all served in the Civil War and his anxiety and care for his family was very great and trying during this turbulent war period. After his death his wife lived with her son Chapman and was 99 years old at her death.

Augustus Chapman, born 1829 married Elizabeth Broyles, four children to them were born: Susan, James, Mary, and John L. His wife died in 1877 and he remarried in 1878, Delilah Ballard. To this union two boys: George W. (m-1905 Hattie Johnson), and Charles William (m-Mrs. Lottie Mann Rogers).

Mary married Scott W. Campbell and lived near Red Sulphur Springs, W. Va. James married Sarah McGhee 1909 and only one son, Augustus Lee (m-Sidney Miller): seven children, Guy (present county superintendent of schools, Monroe County), Mason, Lee, Ollie, Jimmy, Tommy and Waitman.

John L. (m-Mettie Jane Hern, 1890) and lived at Oakvale, W. Va.

Elizabeth Susan (m-William Ballard) and five children grew to adalescence: Janie (m-Elmer Maddy) and it is on her premises the 3 B's reunion are being held; John A., Henry W. (m-Leona Bennett); Grover Cleveland, (m-Lottie Light) past president and founder of the 3 B's reunion; Wilber (m-Bertie Craddock).

William Biggs, the eldest son of Thomas Biggs, married Jane Martin—one daughter only to them was born. He died at Fayetteville, Fayette County, W. Va., of typhoid fever, in 1862 in the Confederate Hospital and buried there in the Myers Family Cemetery. The place was secured by his brother Chapman who was in the Confederate service at that place. His daughter, Mrs. Eliza LaFon lives at Waitville, W. Va.

Miles Biggs, the third son of Thomas Biggs and the Grandfather of the writer, married Nancy Ann Lively in 1857. Three daughters resulted from this union: Agnes (m-Benjamin Parker); Bettie (m-George Daugherty, 1st and John Jones 2nd) one child Clara Daugherty who married A. T. Bostic and now resides at Hoylman Homestead near Highland Park, Monroe County, W. Va.

Lydie Francis, the writers mother, born April 28, 1863, married Christopher C. Hoke, October 28, 1865, and to this union ten children were born: Gaye Hoke, Maxie Pearl, Miles, Kester, Conie D., Dr. Dwight Moody (the writer), Dr. Rex Livingstone, Virginia Ann, Fred

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Burton, Wallace Talbert and an infant son.

Miles William Biggs was killed at the second battle of Cold Harbor during the Civil War, at a place designated as the Gumes farm, and lies buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. He was a sifer in Chapman's Battery of the Confederate States of America and active in General Lee's defense of Richmond. His wife Nancy Ann Biggs subsequently married Brownlee Parker, and to this union two daughters were born: Hanie (m-Lee Daugherty, 1st—two children and W. S. Mustain 2nd, no children), Vinie died single and Miles Lee (m-Bertha Boggs); Celia (m-James Clarkson) and two children, Virgil died single and Carrie (m-Guy Dunbar) and lives at Laurel Branch, W. Va.

Thomas Biggs, the fourth son, died at the age of three of scarlet fever.

Sallie, the oldest girl, married the Rev. John Murry, one daughter to them was born. Mr. Murry left for Kentucky during the Civil War and it is supposed that he was killed in some of the great battles as we never heard of him. Sallie died in three days after her brother Thomas, with the same disease.

Wilson, the youngest son of Thomas Biggs married Angeline Shults and a number of children blest this union. His wife died in 1910 at a ripe old age, and he spent his reclining years with his daughter, Mrs. Ann Cantaberry, near Orchard, W. Va.

Harriett, the second daughter of Thomas Biggs married Taylor McGhee and they resided near Beckley, W. Va.

Cilistine, married a Richardson 1st—Raines 2nd—and subsequently a Webb and resided on Muddy Creek Mountain in Summers County, W. Va.

Mrs. George W. Biggs has in her possession an old arithmetic used by her husband's grandfather, Thomas Biggs, acquired by himself July 11, 1818, while he was teaching school. The book was published in 1817 by Benjamin Warner, 147 High Street, Richmond, Virginia and sold at his store there.

This brief genealogical record here given might have been greatly extended had it seemed desirable to present it in full detail the posts of honor obtained and the distinguished services performed by the ancestors of Thomas Biggs. The few facts we have stated will suffice to show the prominent position held by the Biggs in England, and their essential influence and importance in the colonial history of Virginia and in the struggle through which the independence of America was achieved. Always on the patriotic side, and doing noble duty alike in civic life and on the battle field, they stand high among the leaders in that series of great events through which the fetters of tyranny were broken and another star added to the galaxy of civilized nations. Alike in England and America this family has always occupied an honorable position and been held in high esteem, and the pages of its history are nowhere sullied by a deed of which any of its members need to be ashamed. From the date of its origin members of the family have gained distinction as warriors, until, through William Bggs, "Jerusalem Jim" Biggs, John Biggs, Thomas Biggs, the culminating point is reached in Miles William Biggs, the greatest soldier of modern times, and a military genius who may fairly be placed in comparison with the noted captains, of the world as in some respects the noblest and ablest of them all. He gave his last full measure of devotion to state and country at the Second Battle of Cold Harbor, and no greater sacrifice can any man give than this.

The Biggs Family – Geneological History

By D. M. HOKE, M. D.

- (1) ... BIGGS: Had three sons, William, James and John who came to America before the Revolutionary War.
- (1) William (m-): Settled in Maryland.
 - (2) James (m-): Settled in Kentucky or Tennessee.
 - (3) John (m-): Settled in Virginia. Raised 7c-5b-2g.
 - (1) John (m-): Settled in Bottetourt Co., 2c-2b.
 - (1) William—Died quite young.
 - (2) Allen (m-): Lived at Buckhannon, W. Va., during the Civil War.
 - (2) James (m-A Dutch Girl): Settled in Maumee Co., Indiana 2c-2b—the names of which are not known.
 - (3) Moses (m-): Settled in Jackson County, Missouri.
 - (4) William—Died in infancy.
 - (5) Betsy (m-James Hackett): Moved to Ohio.
 - (6) Lydia (m- Hackett): Brother of James, and moved to Ohio.
 - (7) Thomas (m-Juda "Susan" Campbell) 1st-3c-3g---8-Elizabeth Fillinger-b-1787-d-Feb. 28, 1886-2nd-7c-5b-2g-Lived in Giles Co., Va., Thomas Biggs-b-1798-d-March 22, 1868.
- 1st-G--(1) Melvine "Viney" (m- Dunn: 1c-1g.
- (1) Sarah (m-Charlie Crawford):
 - (2) Delilah (m-1840-Henry Miller b-1820): 3c-3g.
 - (1) Mandy (m-Marshall Mann): Several c-Price and "Bub" are two.
 - (2) Caroline (m- Miller):
 - (3) Rhoda (m-Henry Young): 3c-1b-2g.
 - (1) Walter-s-d-April, 1936.
 - (2) May (m-John McDaniel): 1c-Walter Thomas Young.
 - (3) Hettie (m-J. Cliff Wilson): No-c- Comersville, Ind.
 - (3) Sallie (m-Rev. John Murry): 1c-1g.
 - (1) Mary (m-Stewart McGee): Several c-Girl (m-Toney Alloy): 2c-
- 2nd-G- (1) Augustus Chapman Biggs, b-April 28, 1829-d-July 23, 1921-buried at the Broyles Cemetery. (m-1st-May 2, 1850-Lydia Broyles-b-June 7, 1829-d-Nov. 18, 1877-she was the daughter of Zachariah Broyles b-Sept. 19, 1767-d-Jan. 16, 1863, and Susan Broyles (Nee Riner)-d-July 25, 1867-4c-2b-2g-8-m-2nd-Nov. 7, 1878-Delila Ballard-b-Sept. 29, 1746-d-May 20, 1910-2c-2b.
- 1s-G- (1) Elizabeth Susan-b-July 27, 1851-d (m-Will Ballard): 9c4b-1g-grew up
- (1) Janie (m-Elmer Maddy: no-c-
 - (2) John A. -s-
 - (3) Henry W. (m-Leona Bennett): 4c-1b-3g:
 - (1-4) Alta, Edna, Eleanor, Charles.
 - (4) Charles Cleveland (m-Lottie Light): 3c-1b-2g-
 - (1-3) Hattie (m-Fennimore Dunn)- George- Elizabeth.
 - (5) Wilbur (m-Bertie Craddock): 3c- 1st-d-Mary, Willie-Edgar.
 - (2) James Henry "Jim" b-Nov. 11, 1856-(m-Sarah McGhee-d-June 17, 1909): 1c
 - (1) Augustus Lee (m-Sidney Miller): 7c-6b-1g:
 - (1) Guy-s-
 - (2) Mason (m-Genette Morris): 5c-Edward-Sylvia-Vivian-Kyle-1d-
 - (3) Lee (m-Gladys Porterfield): 4c-Lillian-Virginia-Jr.-Beatrice.
 - (4) Ollie (m-Hayes Martin): 5c-Margie-Bennie-Patricia-2-d-
 - (5) Jimmy-d-18-months old.
 - (6) Thomas (m-Minnie Harvey): (7) Waitman-s-
 - (3) Mary Ann-b-Oct. 10, 1859 (m-Scott Campbell): 8c-3b-5g.
 - (1) Jennie (m-Thompson Miller): 5c-William (m-Clara Brown) 2c Wm. Avery & Virginia; Louise (m-Avery M. Lively); Clara (m-John Doyle) no-c; Lillian -d-(m-John Saunders) 1c-Reba; Thomas-s-d.
 - (2) Frank (m-Minnie Saunders (4c-Laura (m-Roy Jones) 1c-Irene; Robert -s; Alma (m-Newman Ivans) 1c-Agnes Joan; Baby died at birth.
 - (3) Dorothy (m-Dosey Garten) 3c-Devannis-Russell-Anna-
 - (4) Lydia -d-(m-William Garten) 3c-Thomas-Scott-Charles Leonard.
 - (5) Minnie (m-Jim Thompson) 10c-Lee-Catherine-Russell-Otis-John-d-Ray -Vivian-Cecil Minnie..
 - (6-8) Etta-James-Roy-all s-

(1) --- BIGGS Cont'd.)

(3) John Biggs:

(7) Thomas Biggs:

2nd-G--- (1) Augustus Chapman Biggs:

- Cont. (4) John Lee-b-Aug. 4, 1868-d-1928 (m-Mettie Jane Hern) June 18, 1890): c-6
- (1) Stella Lillian-b-June 5, 1891-d-March 6, 1900.
- (2) Horace Everette-b-Jan. 8, 1895 (m-Priscilla Dean Sarver-June 29, 1909): 2c-2g-Emma Jane-Priscilla Dean.
- (3) Clarence Edwin-b-Oct. 17, 1897 (m-Apr. 29, 1909-Ann Bee Palmer) 5c
- (1) Mildred Kathleen-b-Sept. 12, 1920-d-Aug. 1922.
- (2 & 3) Mary Lillian-b-Oct. 10, 1923; Savanna Brown-b-Oct. 17, 1926.
- (4-5) Clarence Edwin, Jr.-b-Nov. 2, 1928; Clarice Edna-b-Nov. 2, 1928
- (4) Rhoda Brooks-b-Aug. 21, 1899 (m-L. A. Hazelwood, Oct. 30, 1913.
- (1-4) Virginia Ruth-b-July 29, 1915; Russell Andrew-b-Oct. 13, 1917; Leonard Lee-b-May 2, 1920; John Edward-b-Nov. 20, 1913.
- (5) Hilda Virginia-b-Nov. 10, 1901 (m-Nathan Edward Brown-Oct. 29, 1901.
- (1-5) Nathan Lee-b-Oct. 22, 1922; Clarence Edward-b-May 26, 1925; Carl-b-Aug. 20, 1929; Charles Everette-b-July 16, 1931; Jack Walton-b-March 8, 1934.
- (6) Chapman Lee-b-Nov. 1904 (m-Sept. 6, 1930-Mamie Louise Hobbs).

- 2nd-G----- (1) George Washington-b-Feb. 28, 1880-d-1924 (m-June 20, 1905-Hattie Johnson); No-c.
- (2) Charles William-b-July 31, 1886 (m-Mrs. Lottie Mann-Rogers who had two children by a former marriage-Helen & Boy-d); No-c.
- (2) Cilistine (m-Charley Richardson 1st-6c-3b-3g-&-Lisha Raines-2nd-no-c-&--- Grimmett 3rd-no-c.
- (1) Charley (m-Susan Cox): Several c- son drowned in New River.
- (2) Macy (m-John Cox): no-c-
- (3) Andy (m------Wheeler); 2c-2g-1b-d.
- (4) Wilson-d-
- (5) Liza Jane (m-Roland Grimmett): Several-c-Drucilla (m-Jay Maddy).
- (6) Sarah Agnes-d-s-ran pitch-fork in heel and died.
- (3) William-b---d-1862 (m-Jane Martin: c1-Eliza Martin & Jane Martin Biggs) (m-William G. Ramsey): c-1-Miles William Ramsey.
- (1) Eliza Biggs (m-Erastus LaFon): lives in Giles County, Virginia.
- (2) Miles William Ramsey (m-Josie Meads) 1c
- (1) Girl (m-A. M. Wallace): Charleston, W. Va.
- (4) Miles H. Biggs-b-Apr. 12, 1835-d-1864-Killed in the 2nd battle of Cold Harbor during the Civil War. Is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Richmond, Va., (m-Sept. 4, 1857-Nancy Ann Lively-b-Apr. 17, 1833-d-May 14, 1885-3c-3g-Nancy Ann was subsequently married to Brownlee Parker Oct. 1869. He was b-----d July 18, 1903. They had two c-to this union. Brownlee was previously married and had one son-John Parker.

- 1st-G----- (1) Sarah Agnes-b-June 20, 1857-d-1933 (m-Benjamin Parker): 5c: 3b-2g
- (1) Homer-d-s-
- (2) Dora (m-William Vance): 5c-
- (1) Bertha (m-Mark Jones)
- (2) Oswald (m-Hallie Frazier)
- (3-5) Hazel-s; Miles-d-s; Lake-s
- (3) Newton B. (m-Grace Fansler) c-3
- (1) Claud (m-
- (2) Gladys (m------Wolden -----Boone)
- (3) Newton B. Jr.-s
- (4) Bettie (m-John Mustain): 4c-2b-2g
- (1) Emory (m-Marie Reed): 1c.
- (2) George (m-Elizabeth Nicholas): 1c-Billy
- (3-4) Agnes-Viola
- (5) George (m-Lolia Boone) 5c-2b-3g.
- (1-5) Bennie Boone, Margaret, Virginia, Juanita, George, "Jack".

(1)----- BIGGS: Cont'd.

(3) John Biggs

(7) Thomas Biggs:

(4) Miles H. Biggs-

(2) Elizabeth J. 'Bettie' b-June 23, 1860 (m-George Daugherty 1st-2c-1b-1g. & John Jones 2nd-no-c):

(1) Charles R. b-Sept. 18, 1880-d-Feb. 1881,

(2) Clara A. b-Mar. 5, 1882 (m-Jan. 8, 1908, A. Tom Bostic): 2c-died in infancy.

(3) Lydia Francis b-Apr. 28, 1863 d-Nov. 24, 1929 (m-Christopher C. Hoke b-Sept. 19, 1857, Married Oct. 28, 1885), 10c-7b-3g.

(1) Infant son-b-8-d-May 4, 1887.

(2) Gaye Hoke-s-b

(3) Maxie Pearl (m-Oliver Marshall Clarkson-Sept. 24, 1913): 4c.
(Ruby, Viola & Norval Talbert-twins)

(1) Norval Talbert (m-Juanita Body): 1c

(1) Norma Jean

(2-4) Ruby Viola- Vernon-Orene.

(4) Miles Kester-s-

(5) Conie D.

(6) Dr. Dwight Moody

(7) Dr. Rex Livingstone

(8) Virginia Ann (m-Rev. Harry Schley Auvil, July 25, 1923): 1c

(1) Francis Hoke-b-8-d-June, 1930.

(9) Fred Berton -b-Sept. 27, 1901-d-in 1904 as result of injury sustained when his clothing ignited from a heater, while playing near by.

(10) Wallace Talbert (m-Carolyn Erwin-Dec. 1933): 1c

(1) Joann

2nd G.... (4) Mrs. A. S. Hanie b-Feb. 14, 1871-d- (m-Lee Daugherty 1st
2c-1b-1g-8 Wm. Mustain 2nd) no c

(1) Viney-d-s of typhoid fever.

(2) Myles (m-Bertha Boggs): 3c-3b-

(1) Clyde Raymond d-in infancy.

(2-3) Billy Raymond.

(5) Celie E. b-Dec. 23, 1873 d-May 1, 1906 (m-Jim Clarkson): 2c

(1) Virgil d c

(2) Carrie (m-Guy Dunbar): 7c-

(1-7) Hazel-Melvin-

3rd G (6) John Parker (m-Mattie Thompson): 2c-2b

(1) Wallace -d-s in France during World War

(2) Ray (m- Lowrey): 1c

(5) Thomas 11-d-s-Died at the age of three years with scarlet fever.

(6) Wilson-b-about 1839-d- (m-Angeline Shultz d-Feb. 1910):
8c-3b-5g.

(1) Ann (m-Andy Canterbury): 10c-6b-4g.

(1) Hattie (m-Will Midkiff): 1c-1b-Willie

(2) Jasper-s-

(3) Henry-d- (m-Sarah Mann): 3c-living 2d-

(1-3) Clarence-s-

(4) Minnie (m-Bernard Christian): no c-

(5) Ettie (m-George Miller): no c-

(6) Ella (m-Kester Sarver): 3c-1b-2g

(7) Frank -s-

(8) Wilbur (m-Annie Canterbury) 2c-1b-1g.

(1-2) Arnold-Gertie.

(9) Addison (m-Connie Beckett): 1c-1b-

(10) Earnest (m-Julia Thompson): 1c-1b-

(2) Jennie (m-Shannon Baker): 1c-1g.

(1) Cora (m-Elbert McNeer): 1b-

(1) Billy Mason

(3) Rachel (m-Wilson Ballard): 6c-2b-4g- Wilson later married Mary Broyles and had 4c-1b-3g.

(1) . . . BIGGS Cont'd.

(3) John Biggs:

(7) Thomas Biggs:

(6) Wilson Biggs: Cont'd.

(3) Rachel (m Wilson Ballard) Cont'd.

1st G----- (1) Vindia (m-Robert McGee): 5c-2b-3g.

(1) Hallie (m-Frank Smith) 3c-1b-2g-girls are twins.

(1-3) Orville Lee-Josephine-Ethaline

(2-5) Woodrow-Herman-Annie-Selmer.

(2) Charley (m-Mary Deets): 9c- live in Virginia.

(1) Pearl (m-Ralph Dillon): 1b-John.

(2) Eva (m) : 2c-

(3) Myrtle (m-

(4) Gertrude-s-

(5-9) Dewey-Ralph-Ruth-Alma

(3) Edna (m-Dewey Pitzer) 7c-4b-3g.

(1-7) George-John-Frank-Robert-Myrtle-Margaret-Ruth.

(4) John 'Pat' (m-Beulah Parker): no c-

(5) Mary (m-Hal Dillon): 6c-4b-2g-Raymond and Patrick -d-

(1) Tom (m-Lou McCarthy): no c-

(2-4) Hallie-Charles-Lucille.

(6) Sallie -d-s-

2nd G----- (1) George (m-Lucy Bowers): 2c 1b-1g.

(1-2) Christine-George Jr.

(2) Bertha (m-Paris Lane): 2c-1b-1g.

(1-2) Wilson-Glenna

(3) Rose (m-Robert Belcher): 4c-2b-2g.

(1-4) Thelma-Robert-Mary-Teddy.

(4) Ada (m-Perry Broyles): 2c-1b-1g-Alene-Perry.

(4) Hugh (m-Jane Helvy): 12-c-8b-4g-

(1) Lucy (m-Jim Shultz): 4c-2b-2g

(1-4) Catherine-Anna-Buck-Henry.

(2) Tom (m-Sarah Huffman): 1c-Louise.

(3) Robert (m-Julia Green): 7c-1b-6g

(1) Mary (m-Howard Underwood): 2b-

(1-2) Howard Underwood, Jr.-Dallas.

(2) Thelma-s-

(3-7) Hugh-Jane-Hettie-May-Girl

(4) Elmer (m-May Broyles): 5c-2b-3g.

(1) Nellie (m-George Beasley): 2c-Joan-Peggy.

(2) Anna (m-Robert Dillon):

(3) Myrtle (m-

(4-5) Vernon-Renford

(5) Melvin-d-s-

(6) John (m-Thelma Wiseman): 4c-2b-2g. John was electrocuted accidentally at Price Hill, W. Va.

(1-4) Athlene-d-Jennings-Jinkey-Girl.

(7) Minnie (m-) : no c-

(8) Frank (m-) :

(9) Henry (m-) : 6c

(10) Ellis (m-

(11-12) Hettie-Isaac-s-

(5) Jasper (m-Sallie Jackson): 12c-9b-3g.

(1) Effie (m-Harve Michel): 1c-Vida

(2) Jim (m-Effie Meadows):

(3) Charley (m-) : 2g-Virginia-Girl

(4) John (m- Lively, Jordan Lively's daughter): 2c-

(5) Laymer (m- McCall): 2 or 3-c

(6) Henry (m- McCall):

(7) Wilson

(8) Lizzie-d-s burned to death.

(9) Grace (m-Andy Broyles): 4c

(10) Frank (m-); (11) Paul (m-); (12) Albert (m-)

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ANDREW J. AND POLLY MCGHEE BROYLES

THE BROYLES FAMILY

The generation of Broyles in Monroe County seems to have started from one Peter Broyles, the pioneer from Rockbridge County, Virginia.

He settled near Lindside and the following children were born: Zachariah, Ephriam, Aaron, Jacob, Absolom, Elizabeth and Margaret, two of these boys married Riners, I do not know which ones or what Riners they married, but in checking the history of the Broyles you will find that on many occasions that Broyles married Riners or Riners married Broyles which ever way you may wish to term it.

Solomon Broyles who lived on Lick Run owned a very large estate and divided it among his children, whose names were Nancy, Andrew J., Thompson, Green, Margaret, Elizabeth, William and Augustus. I do not know just what kin Solomon was to the above named Peter from Rockbridge.

Simeon Broyles another who settled near Lindside was the father of the following children: William S. and Lewis H. These two men are very familiar to many of us living today, and these two boys also married Riners.

Children of Lewis H.: Edward, Charles, William, James, Belle and Mayda. Belle married Charles N. Ballard and was the mother of Calvin Ballard.

Children of William S.: Luther, Lake, Weaver, Victor, Hubert, Opie, Arthur, Wallace, Everette, Dewie, Lucille and Stanley.

From the same families of Broyles or generations of Broyles come another family in which I cannot tell the exact connections, but this one is John who married Margaret Buckland and made his home at the head of Fritz Run, near Ballard, all his life and reared a large family, namely: James, John, Lewis, Andrew, George, Charley, Mary, Ellen and Eliza. Mary married Wilson Ballard and was the mother of Geo. W. Ballard the past President of the 3 B's Reunion.

All the children of John and Margaret Broyles reared large families and are scattered far and near.

Andrew J., whom we take to be a son of Solomon Broyles, married Polly McGhee, and to this union the following children were born: Alpha, Zachariah, Malinda, Preston, Jessie, George, Elizabeth, Gimison, Jackson, John, Juda Ellen, William and Mary. Jessie, Jackson and Juda Ellen died while very young.

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JOHN C. BALLARD

JAMES WILSON and
MARY BROYLES BALLARD

Some have had careers in business
That we'd have to call success:
Some have made such skillful lawyers
They could clear up any mess.

The Name and Family of Ballard

(By GEO. W. BALLARD, Beckley, W. Va.)

The name of BALLARD is said by some authorities to have been originally a nick-name meaning "baldheaded," and by others is said to have been of Celtic or Gallic origin and derived from the words BAL.L., meaning "a round elevation," and ARD, meaning "high," having been given to its original bearer because of his residence in a place answering that description at the time of the adoption of surnames in England.

It is found on ancient records in the various forms of Balard, Ballerde, Ballord, Ballerd, Ballarde, and Ballard, of which the last is the most generally accepted form of today.

Among the early, but, unfortunately, unconnected, records of the family in England are those of Peter Ballard of Summersetshire in the time of King Edward the Third of England. Allured Ballard of Essex County in the year 1273, Dreu Ballard of the county of Hunts, Thomas Ballard of Suffolk County, Henry Ballard of Lancashire in the reign of Edward the First, Ralph Ballard of Oxfordshire in 1615, Thomas Ballard of London in 1620 with his wife Joan and son John, and Henry Ballard of the county of Sussex in 1622 with his wife Mary and nephew Thomas, who was the father of Thomas, Richard, and William and also had a brother named Richard. There were also families of the name in the counties of Notts, Worcester, Warwick and Kent at early dates. These families were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain.

It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in England the original emigrants of the name of Ballard to America were descended, but all of them are believed to have been of common ancestry at a remote period.

Probably the first of the name in New England was one William Ballard, who came from England in the "Mary and John" in either 1630 or 1634, probably the latter. He was first at Lynn but shortly thereafter removed to Newbury and thence to Dedham and Andover. By his wife Grace he is believed to have had nine children: Joseph, William, Sarah, Elizabeth, John, Hannah, Lydia, Abigail and Ann.

Joseph, eldest son of the emigrant William above mentioned, had issue by his first wife Elizabeth Phelps, whom he married about 1665, of Elizabeth, Joseph, Humphrey, Eleanor, William, Hannah, Dorothy, Hezekiah, Uriah, Tabitha (died in infancy), and another Tabitha. In 1692 he married the Widow Rebecca Horne, by whom he had further issue of Jeremiah and Josiah.

William, second son of the emigrant William, was married in 1682 to Hannah Hooper, who



CHRISTINE & G. W. BALLARD
Children of Geo. W. and Lucy Ballard



HENRY CALVIN BALLARD
One of Monroe County's leading school
Teachers, died 1925

gave him at least six children, Hannah, Enoch, Hephzibah, John, Peleg and Thomas and possibly others.

John, third and youngest son of the emigrant William, is believed to have married Rebecca Hooper in 1681 and to have had issue by her of John, Rebecca, Jonathan, Sherebiah, Ruth, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Another emigrant of the name of William Ballard came to America in 1635 in the "James" and was supposedly of the Warwickshire, England, line of the family. He brought with him his wife Elizabeth, daughter Hester, and son John and settled first at Boston and then at Lynn, where he had further issue of Nathaniel and perhaps of William and Sarah.

John, eldest son of the second emigrant William, is said to have been the father of William, Sarah, Rebecca, Jane, John and Priscilla.

Nathaniel, son of the second emigrant William, was married in 1662 to Rebecca Hudson and was the father by her of Mary, Nathaniel, Susannah, Elizabeth, Hester or Esther, Abigail, Jemima, William and Nathaniel.

One Robert Ballard made his home at Portsmouth, R. I., in 1655 but no record has been found of his immediate family.

In 1670 one Samuel Ballard was living at Charlestown, Mass., and by his first wife Lydia he had issue of three children, Lydia, John and Elizabeth. In 1678 he married Hannah Belcher but is thought to have had no further issue.

Another early emigrant was Jarvis Ballard, who was settled at Boston prior to the year 1670 and is believed to have died in 1697. He had a daughter named Mary and several other children as well and is said to have many descendants in America today.

The descendants of the various branches of the family in America have spread to practically every State of the Union and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors aided in the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their ambition, industry, energy, integrity, piety, moral and physical strength, perseverance, fortitude, initiative, resourcefulness, courage and leadership.

Among those of the name who fought as officers in the War of the Revolution were Captain Jeremiah of New Jersey, Captain John of Virginia, Captain Kedar of North Carolina, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert of Virginia and Major William H. of Massachusetts.

Thomas, John, Henry, William, Joseph, Jeremiah, Samuel, Jarvis and Nathaniel are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the Ballard family for its male members.

We claim, as we have always claimed that John C. Ballard whom this reunion is honoring as one clan, was the grandson of Captain John of Revolutionary fame of Virginia and we have no reason or any data that would keep us from claiming kin to the famous Captain. John C. was a son of James Wilson Ballard and was born at Campbell Mills in Henry County, Virginia, and reared a family of Children, William, James, Geo. W., John Calvin, Edward and one



J. R. Ballard.

General Manager McKell Coal Company, Glen Jean, W. Va.

daughter, Betty.

William, the eldest son was killed in the Civil War at the battle of Chancellorsville and his body is buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C. James settled in Kanawha County, W. Va., and reared a large family which we think is the beginning of the Ballard families in Kanawha and Boone Counties.

Geo. W., known to many as "Politis", went to Iowa in the year 1858 and a few years later to Washington where his wife died and was buried in a cemetery at Couer De Lane Mountains, to this union was born two sons, Charles, and we do not know the name of the other.

This tribe with Alex, Joel and John McGhee left Wheeling, W. Va., by steamboat in 1858 and settled in Ottumwa, Iowa, and the McGhees all reared large families which I understand are still in Iowa and scattered over the central west.

Edward settled near White Sulphur and reared several children, John and Edward which I have met and one boy named Bob. The children of John have visited Monroe County on several occasions and Bessie chose one Sam Fleshman for her husband whom many people know in this section.

Edward who lives at Frankford was in the attendance at the 1936 reunion.

Betty the girl is unknown to us only as information we can pick up at random and we are told she married William Lawrence and lived near Union at one time.

John C. (Rebel John) who made his home at Red Sulphur Springs, was married to Elizabeth McGhee, September 12, 1844, and to this union the following children were born:

Delilah, A. C. (Chapman) Biggs

Children: (Geo. W., Hattie Johnson) (No children) Oak Hill
(Charley, Lottie Mann) (No children) Beckley

William, (Susan Biggs)

Children: (Jane, Elmer Maddy) (No children) Lindside
(John, single) Pittsburg
(Henry, Bettit) (4 children) Huntington
(C. Cleveland, Lottie Light) (Three children) Beckley
(Wilber, Bertie Craddock) (4 children) Lindside

Joel, (First wife, Mary Keadle)

Children: (Chester, Russie Pitzer) (Three children) Fayetteville
(Lemmie, Vergie Bond) (Five children) Dunbar, W. Va.
(Wilber, -----) (Three children) Oakland, California

Joel, (Second wife, Jennie Allen)

Children: (Mary, Roy Sweeney) (Four children) Beckley
(Osborne, Nettie Green) (Four children) Wayside
(Ellen, Glen Ruddisell) (Three children) Ballengee

Sallie, (John L. Miller)

Children: (Effie, James Meadows) (Two children) Hinton
(Etta, Wiley Bower) (Four children) Red Sulphur Springs
(Henry, Lillie Ray) (Two children) Red Sulphur Springs
(Robert, single) Red Sulphur Springs

Wilson, (First wife, Rachel Biggs)

Children: (Vinda, Robert McGhee) (Five children) Lindside
(Charley, Mary Deitz) (Ten children) Fielddale, Va.
(Edna, Dewey Pitzer) (Seven children) Greenville
(John P. (Pat), Beulah Parker) New York City, N. Y.
(Mary, Hal Dillon) (Five children) Red Star

Wilson, (Second wife, Mary E. Broyles)

Children: (Geo. W., Lucy Bower) (Two children, Geo. W. Jr. and Christine)
(Bertha, Paris Lane) (Two children) Assurance
(Rose, Robert Belcher) (Four children) Itmann
(Ada, Perry Broyles) (Two children) Stanaford

Henry (Alex) (First wife, Julia Campbell)

Children: (Charles (Cam), Louella Waldon) (Ten children)

Henry (Alex) (Second wife, Lillie Akers), No children

Elizabeth, (James Dunn), (No children) Cashmere

John, (Anna Allen)

Children: (Lake, Marie Bowling) (One child) Mt. Hope
(Kenneth, Ethel Johnston) (Three children) Lego.
(Fannie,

Amanda, (Lewis Broyles)

Children: (Charley, Copeland) Ballard
(May, Elmer Biggs, Red Sulphur Springs
(John, single) Ballard



JOHN C. AND ELIZABETH MCGHEE BALLARD

Grand-Parents of George W. Ballard
 John C. was familiarly known as "Rebel John"

THE BRIDGE

Across the foaming river
 The old bridge bends its bow;
 My Father's Father built it
 In ages long ago.

They never left the farmstead
 Past which the waters curled,
 Why should one ever wander
 When here is all the world.

Family, friends and garden,
 Large fields of grain to see;
 The cattle in the meadow,
 The birds in stream and tree.

The pageant of the seasons
 As the fleeting years go by;
 Between the peaks above us
 An azure bridge of sky.

The dead they live and linger
 In each familiar place;
 With kindly thoughts to hearten
 The children of their race.

—D. M. Hoke, M. D.

(Lillie, Walter Crawford) Lindside
 (Wilber, Finnie Machan) Itmann
 (Andrew, Grace Biggs) Marlinton
 (Henry, Helvey) Ballard

NOTE:—Am unable to give the number of children of the above.

Charles N. (Belle Broyles)

Children: (Calvin, died 1925).

Nannie. (John Akers)

Children: (Lundy, Fleet, Pete and Frank)

NOTE:—Not able to give marriages of above children.

The above covers the children of John C. and Elizabeth Ballard.

In writing the history of the Ballard famiy it seems most impossible to get the connections of the various families who live in Monroe County, and in traveling over the state or out of the state we find that wherever you find some one by the name of Ballard they came from Monroe County, but cannot give the family connection as there are so many seemingly distinct families.

W. R. Ballard, who resides at Glen Jean and is General Manager of McKell Coal Co., and father of George L. Ballard, Beckley Attorney, whose father was named James Wilson Ballard was born at Peterstown and moved to Kanawha County when W. R. was a child and from what line of Ballard his ancestors belong we are not able to tell.

We have the Baldwin Ballard line who have always been very prominent citizens of Monroe and many other counties in West Virginia and we are unable to get the older family connection, only knowing them by names which have always been widely known such as Marion, Henry, Jerry and Isaac, also another Jerry, Bub Bob, of Peterstown who have reared a number of children, who have been lawyers, teachers, doctors and other higher professions.

We also have the John T. and Millard Ballard line which names are very prominently known in Southern West Virginia, T. E. (Early), Oscar (Mayor of Princeton) formerly a legislator of Mercer County, Emery, Waldo Regnarld, Lyman and Aubry.

Beginning here you will find the trace of the family of Ballard composing the Oliver Ballard line.

We trace our ancestral line to William Ballard, who married Mary Johnson, they must have been married by 1740, as three of their sons were in the Revolutionary War. Their children were: Philip, living in Logan County, 1828 drew a pension for service in Revolution. Thomas Ballard, lived in Logan County. Johnson Ballard, unaccounted for. Momon Ballard, unaccounted for. Larkin Ballard, married Elizabeth Gaines of Culpepper County, Virginia moved to Madison County, Kentucky. Curtis Ballard, married Eather Gaines, sister of Elizabeth and moved to Madison County, Kentucky. Elijah Ballard, married Polly White, moved to Rush County, Indiana. There were three girls in this family, namely: Anky, who married James Keaton, lived here. Susan Ballard, married 1st a man by the name of Craig, 2nd, Biven Boling, and moved to Madison County, Kentucky.

The ancestor of the Ballards of Monroe was another brother William Ballard, who married Elizabeth Stepp, he was a soldier in the Revolution in Ambrose Matison's Company. Their children were Johnson Ballard, married Bettie Eastman, moved to Owen County, Kentucky. William Ballard, married Millie Snow, of Orange County, Virginia, and lived near Salt Sulphur Springs. James married Jennie Keaton and lived on Buzzard Run. Jerimiah Ballard, married Jalie Thompson and lived near Rock Camp. Willis Ballard, married Elizabeth Thompson, (My grand-parents) and lived here.

There were five girls in this family, Lucy, married John Stodgill and John Goodall. Nancy, married William Ferrill. Mollie, married Methias Kessinger. Millie, married Jacob Mann. Susan, married John Clark. All lived in this County except Susan who moved to Kentucky.

The Ballards living in Springfield and Red Sulphur District that are not of the John C. Ballard branch are descendants from Jerimiah and Willis. Those living at Union and around Salt Sulphur are descendants from William.

Some claim that our branch of Ballards are Scotch, but I have an abundance of reliable proof that the Ballards were from Yorkshire, England. I have extracts of wills and deeds made by Ballards in Yorkshire, England, one thousand years ago.

From the American Magazine of Geneology I get the names of the following Ballards who were early emigrants to America.

An Ballard, 1653 by Corbit Piddee, Northumberland County, Virginia; David Ballard, b. 1749 d. 1822 came from England, settled in N. C.; Jervis Ballard, settled at Boston, Mass.,

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THE BROYLES FAMILY

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CHARLES M. BROYLES

reunion for all those who believe and trust in Him, who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give the crown of life."

There are many, many other Broyles in Monroe County that we would like to give some account of, but not knowing their family connections it is just impossible to do so, but we are trusting that you will be at this great reunion and make yourself known to us that in the future we will know you better.

Alpha married John McGhee and the following children were reared: Rosie, Mary Jane and Lewis.

Zachariah married Allie McPherson and the following children were reared: Mary, Ettie, Amos, Roma, Ora, Dink and Frank.

Malinda married Ward Humphreys and the following children were reared: Andrew, Henry, Mary, Willie, Allen, Abbie and Ruby.

Preston married Jane McGhee and the following children were reared: Bert, Cora and Thea.

George married Dutch Chambers and the following children were reared: Fred, Vivian, French and Goldia.

Elizabeth married Oliver Fleshman and the following children were reared: Eliza, Samuel, Andrew, Jimmie, Mason and Vernon.

Gimison married Julia Chambers and one girl was reared: Mabel

John married Ettie McDaniel and the following children were reared: Rosie and Pearl.

William married Lessie Davis and the following children were reared: Thelma, Violet, Elmo, Verdo, Vera and Clearance.

Mary married Will Allen and the following children were reared: Watha and Opie and an infant girl who is dead.

Many of the above named have passed to the great beyond and only a few of those whose names are familiar to us in the past are left to meet at this great reunion once more. May this be one of the greatest meetings we have had yet, and let us all be there that we can meet, talk, eat, laugh, and enjoy the day once more under God's blue sky, for soon we will be where there will be one lasting

THE BIGGS FAMILY—Geneological History

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(1)..... BIGGS: Cont'd.

(3) John Biggs

(7) Thomas Biggs

(6) Wilson Biggs — Cont'd.

(6) Haley Biggs (m-Clay Akers): 8c-2b-6g.

(1) Nettie (m-John Hoy): 2c- Hallie-Isaac.

(2) Scott (m-Mary Bilby): 2c-Raymond-Ethel.

(3) Dilly (m-Richard Garwin): 4c-

(1-4) Faye-Clay-Homer-Zula.

(4) Dean (m-Collie Everman) 3c-2b-1g.

(1-3) Welch-Frank-Louise.

(5) Blanche-d-s-

(6) Lucy-s-

(7) Mary Lee (m-Lee Miller):

(8) Ray (m-Jessie Nucher):

(7) Francis (m-John Sears): 7c-5b-2g-Francis died when the second set of twins were born.

(1-2) Twins—Russell Allen-d-Nellie-d- Both died small.

(3) Clarence-s-

(4) Howard (m-

(5) Harvey-d-s-

(6) Bernice Francis (m-Marion Bumgartner): 2c-1b-1g.

(1-2) Janice Marie—Arnold Lee

(7) Dewey French—Twin of Bernice Francis—died at age of nine months.

(8) John d-at age of 4 years.

(7) Harriett (m-Taylor McGee): 5c-4b-1g.

(1) Josie (m-.....Bostic) (2) Henry (m-.....Meadows)

(3) James (m-.....) (4) Charles (m-.....) Lives on Caperton's Mountain in Fayette Co. (5)

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BALLARD

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1670, Merchant; Jodith Ballard brought to Virginia by Tho. Binnis, lived at Surry; Richard Ballard, brought to Virginia by Tho. Bisby, Surry Co., 1656; Robert Ballard, was freeman at Portsmouth, R. I., 1655; Samuel Ballard b. 1638 d. Nov. 12, 1708, lived at Charlestown, Mass. Married Hanna Belcher, had several children.

Col. Thomas Ballard, b. 1630 d. March 24, 1689, settled at James City, Va., married Ann Thomas, he may have married twice, his second wife being Katherine Hubbard, at any rate he had nine children. Many of the Ballards of Virginia and Ohio claim to be descendants from him.

From Boone County we have a letter from J. C. Ballard who gives us this information, my grandfather came from Monroe County when he was eight years old and settled on Coal River, Lincoln County, and married. He was born in Monroe County in 1777, he had one son who was my father and his name was Perry, who married a Black of Lincoln County, who reared two sons, myself and a brother who lives in Missouri near St. Louis. Says he is sure that he is a relative of most of the Ballards in Monroe, but cannot pick out the particular branch.

In Raleigh County we have a number of Ballards of whom we can not trace the relationship, and some of the familiar names are Frank, Bill and Duke of Beckley, Elgia of Sophia and many who live on the head waters of Coal River.

We are in hopes as the years pass and the reunions come and go that there will be enough interest created that there can be a history written up on the family of Ballards that we will be able to determine the relationship of the entire group and that we can be brought into one big gathering and know each other better.

Over at White Sulphur Springs we found another Ballard by the name of Kinney who is a son of John Ballard who lived practically all his life at Willow Bend, but died at White Sulphur.

This John Ballard was a cousin of Baldwin Ballard, but do not know the relationship of the other Ballards.

We are also reminded of Clayton Ballard of whom the post office at Ballard was named, and his two sons Will and Walter, who both worked many years as traveling salesmen for Abney Barnes of Charleston, W. Va. Both of these boys are now dead.

May this great Clan of Ballards live on, is our earnest prayer.

OUR CREED: May our great men be good, and our good men be great. May our faults be written on the seashore, and every good action prove a wave to wash them out. May the rough road of adversity lead us to final prosperity. May we never envy those who are happy, but strive to imitate them. May we look forward with pleasure, and backward without regret. May we always have more occasion for the cook than for the doctor. May we be slaves to nothing but our duty, and friends to nothing but merit. May we have the wit to discover what is true and the fortitude to practice what is good. May the thorns of life only serve to give longer life to its flowers. May the pleasures of youth bring us consolation in old age. May we always look forward to better things, but never be discontented with the present.

Very sincerely yours,

GEO. W. BALLARD.

FAMILIAR NAMES

Many familiar names you will find married into and tied with the Ballards, Biggs and Broyles are: Lively, McGhee, Dillon, Thompson, Baker, Shultz, Miller, Mann, Riner, Brown, Light, Lane, Belcher, Bower, Akers, Keadle, Campbell, Johnston, Ballengee and many more. After all and all the above names make up a great part of the citizenry of the southern part of West Virginia and one big family, and why shouldn't this be one of the largest reunions in the state?



WILSON BALLARD'S FAMILY

Front—Wilson Ballard and wife, Mary Broyles Ballard

Back—Ada, Bertha, Edna, George W., Rosa.



PHILLIS BROYLES

Daughter of Charles and Willie Broyles



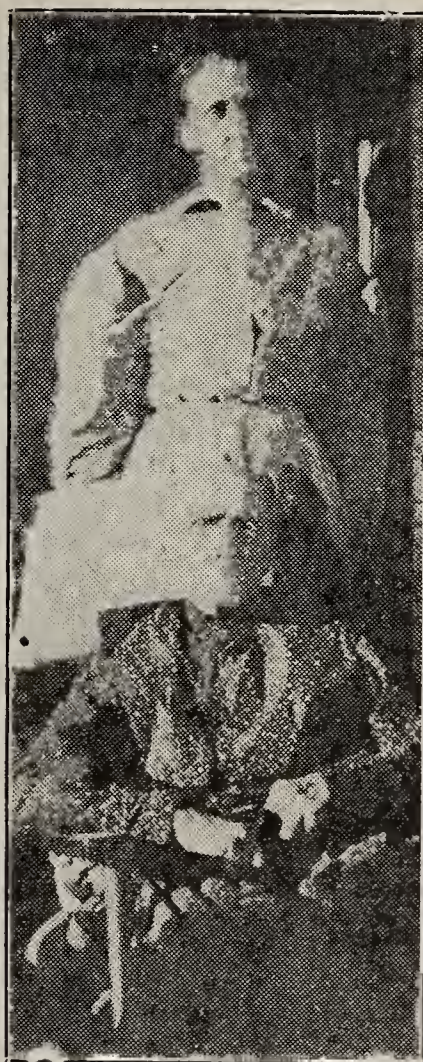
FRANK PORTER

Poet and Industrial Scholar of Beckley



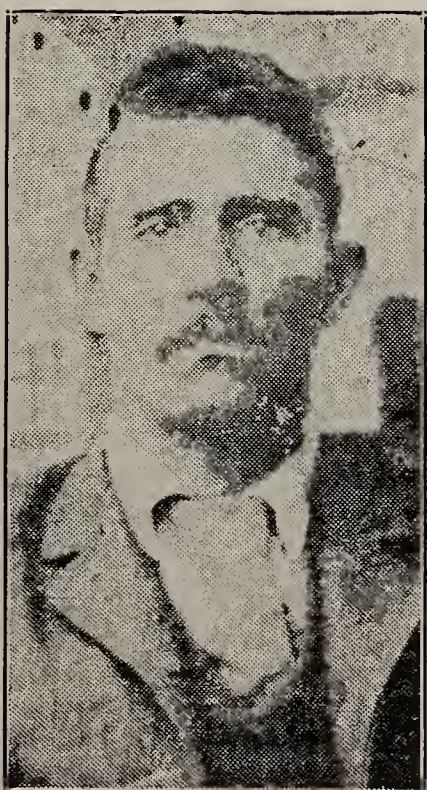
JOEL BALLARD'S FAMILY

Front—Joel and Jennie Allen Ballard.
Back—Mary Osborne and Ella Ballard



MARGARET BROYLES

And her daughter Ella



ANDREW BROYLES

Son of Margaret and John Broyles

For kindred eyes and hearts that shed
Dear as the blood we gave,
No impious footsteps here shall tread
The herbage of your grave;
Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her records keeps
Or honor points the hallowed spot
Where Broyles' watch-care keeps.

No marbel minstrel's voiceless stone
In deathless song shall tell
When many a vanished year has flown
The story now I tell.
Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's
blight
Nor time's remorseless tone
Can dim one ray of Holy light
The "Broyles" that we have known.

By D. M. Hoke, M. D.



NANCY ANN BIGGS

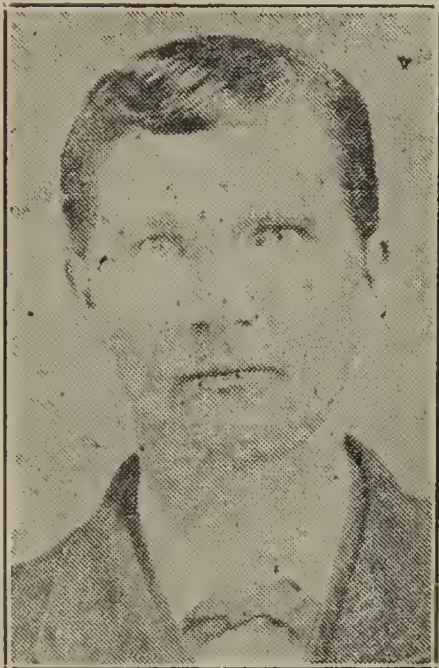
And her two daughters "Bettie" and
"Agnes" with her grandchild "Homer"



CELIE PARKER-CLARKSON

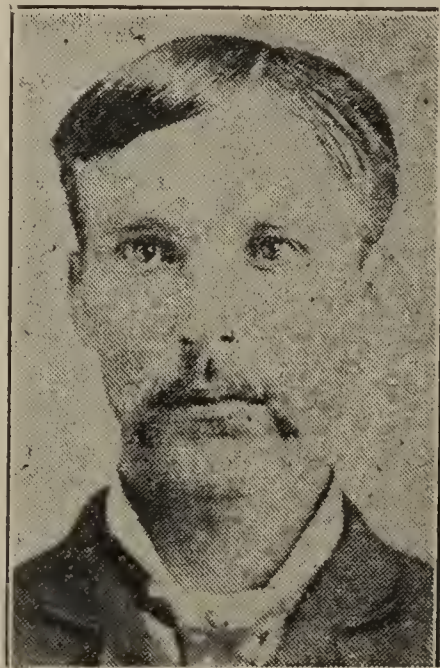
As a child

Yes, they have been a busy people
And they've been both wrong and right:
And may do anything from teaching
Down to making futures bright.



LEONIDAS ("Lon") LIVELY

Son of William M. & Mary Ann Lively



DAVE LIVELY

Son of William M. & Mary Ann Lively

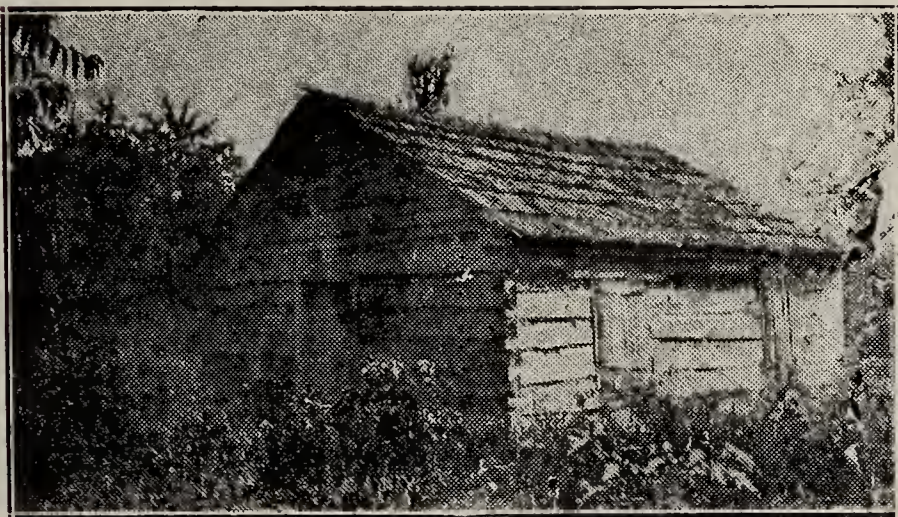
They will there forget their labors
And meet friends of former years
Where friendship shall be cherished
And bring many happy tears.



This photograph depicts "Uncle Chap" Biggs' home at Lindside, Monroe Co., W. Va., as it appeared when he resided there and raised his family. It is a double house joined in center by an enclosed passage-way, the house being enlarged as the family grew in size and until it took on more the appearance of a 'road-side tavern' of the 'stage-coach days' than a private dwelling. His father, Thomas Biggs, probably constructed the first unit on the left adjoining the big chimney. The large porch extended the full length of the entire house and has furnished a site for many a 'gala occasion' filled with glee and enthusiasm for both young and old alike. "Uncle Chap" has joined ranks in the "Grand March" from whose bourne no traveler ever returns, but his fond memories still linger in the minds and hearts of those who knew him and this old homestead ever reverberating in such memories appears almost but "Sacred or Hallowed Ground" because of the display of handicraft and genius incident to his residence here.

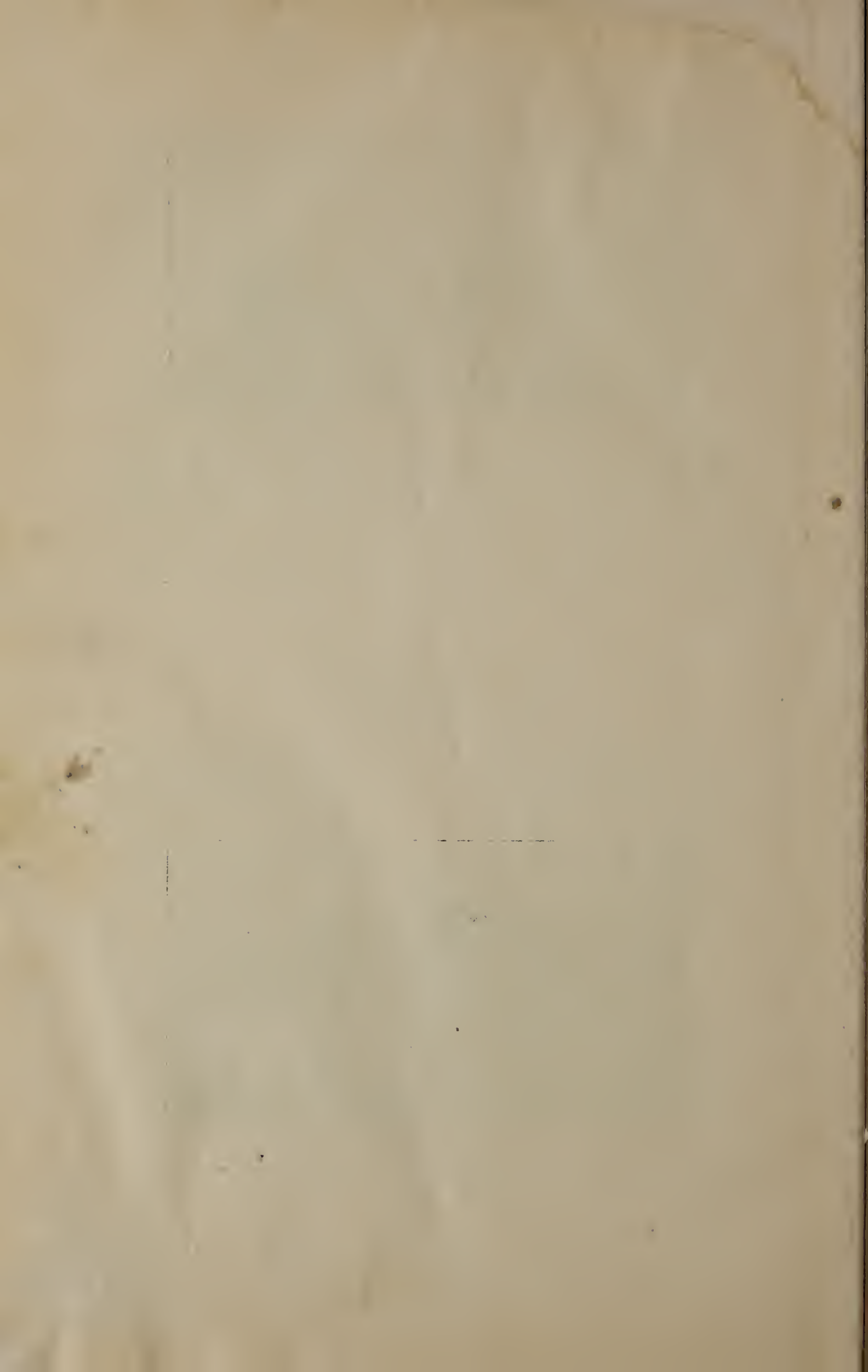
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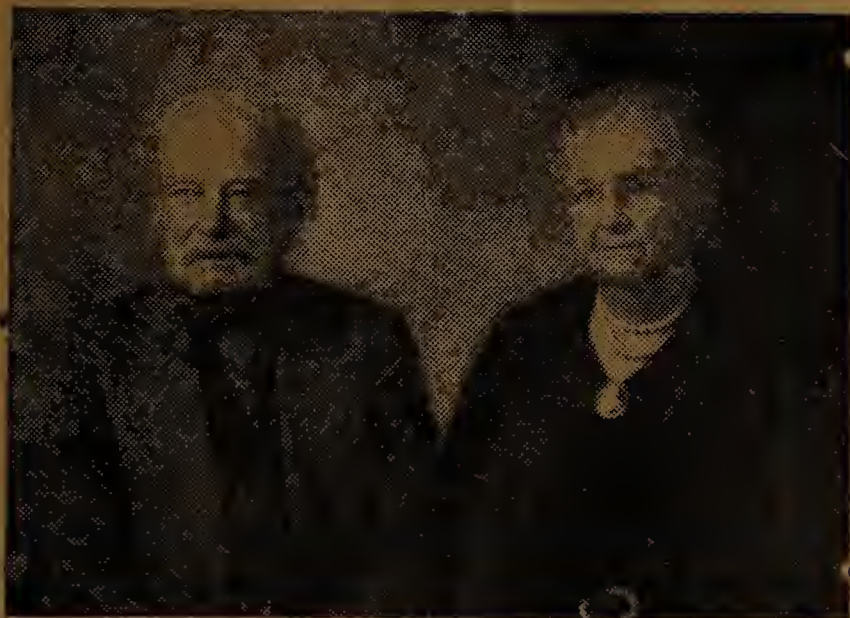
From this humble settler's cabin
They have scattered everywhere,
In all lines of occupation
You'll find the Biggs' have their share.



The old log school house that stood opposite Pine Grove Church, Lindside, W. Va., where Thomas Biggs' family attended school under the strict discipline of the 3 R's and learned Readin', Ritin' and Rithmetic.

With the ax they built their mansion
In the forest wild and deep,
And no howl of beast or savage
Could disturb their nightly sleep.





MARION C. BALLARD AND WIFE KATE HUMPHREYS-BALLARD

LINDSIDE—Mr. and Mrs. Marion C. Ballard, Lindside, passed their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Christmas eve, and their seven children, 33 grand-children, four great grand-children, and sons and daughters-in-law celebrated the occasion with them in the Ballard home on Sunday.

It was December 24, 1877, that Marion Ballard, son of Baldwin Ballard (who lived to be 96), and Kate H. Humphreys were married in the little community of Centerville (now Greenville), where they were childhood sweethearts. Reverend J. J. Crickenbarger performed the wedding ceremony, Ballard recalls.

Marion Ballard says that he is the "oldest Ballard in captivity", but his eye is as keen, his memory as vivid, his sense of humor as sharp as a man of half his years. He was 84 years old last June 2. He has passed his life in Monroe county, Virginia, Monroe county, West Virginia, in the Confederacy of the Southern States of America, but yet he has resided always in this Valley. Since 1901 the Ballards have lived in their present home.

Mr. Ballard is the brother of I. K. (Ike) Ballard, and Jerry Ballard of Greenville, Mrs. Emma Reed of Greenville, and Henry Ballard of Gates.

Mrs. Ballard is the sister of Mrs. Ella McNeer, of Union, Mrs. Sally Payne, of Huntington, and Mrs. Neely White, of Ohio.

Children of the Ballard couple who will celebrate their anniversary today are: Mrs. Mary Boone, Mrs. Myrtle Riner, Mrs. Edna Hansbarger, of Union, Clarence Ballard, of Lindside, Edgar Ballard, of Bluefield, Mrs. Janie Spangler, of Princeton, and Mrs. Thelma Spangler, of Rich Creek.



THE PARKER FAMILY

Left to Right—Back Row—Benjamin "Uncle Ben" Parker, William C. Vance, Homer Parker, John Mustain. Middle Row—Emory Mustain, "Hanie" Mustain, Dora Parker, Vance, Agnus Biggs Parker (Aunt Agnus). Front Row—Bettie Parker Mustain (Seated).



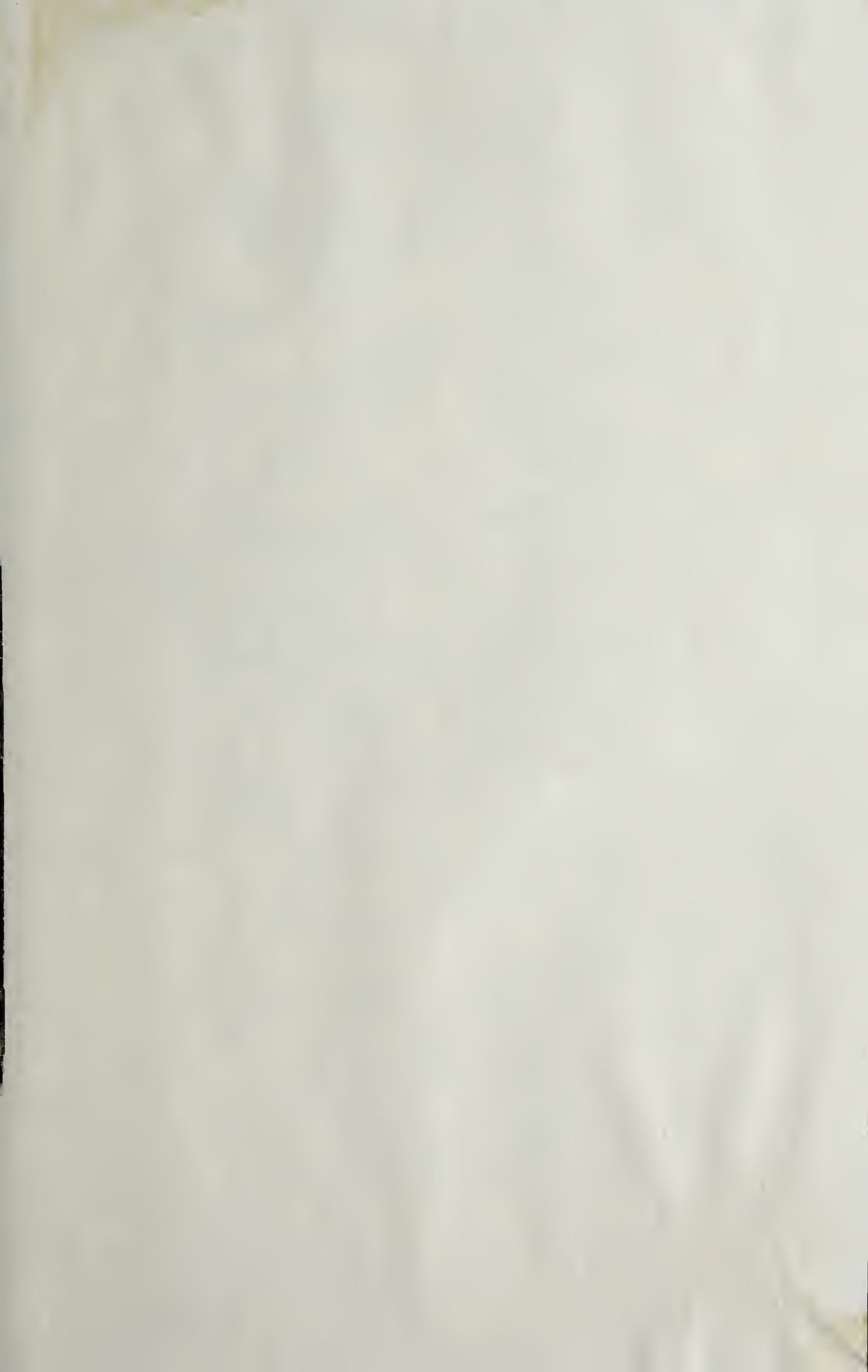
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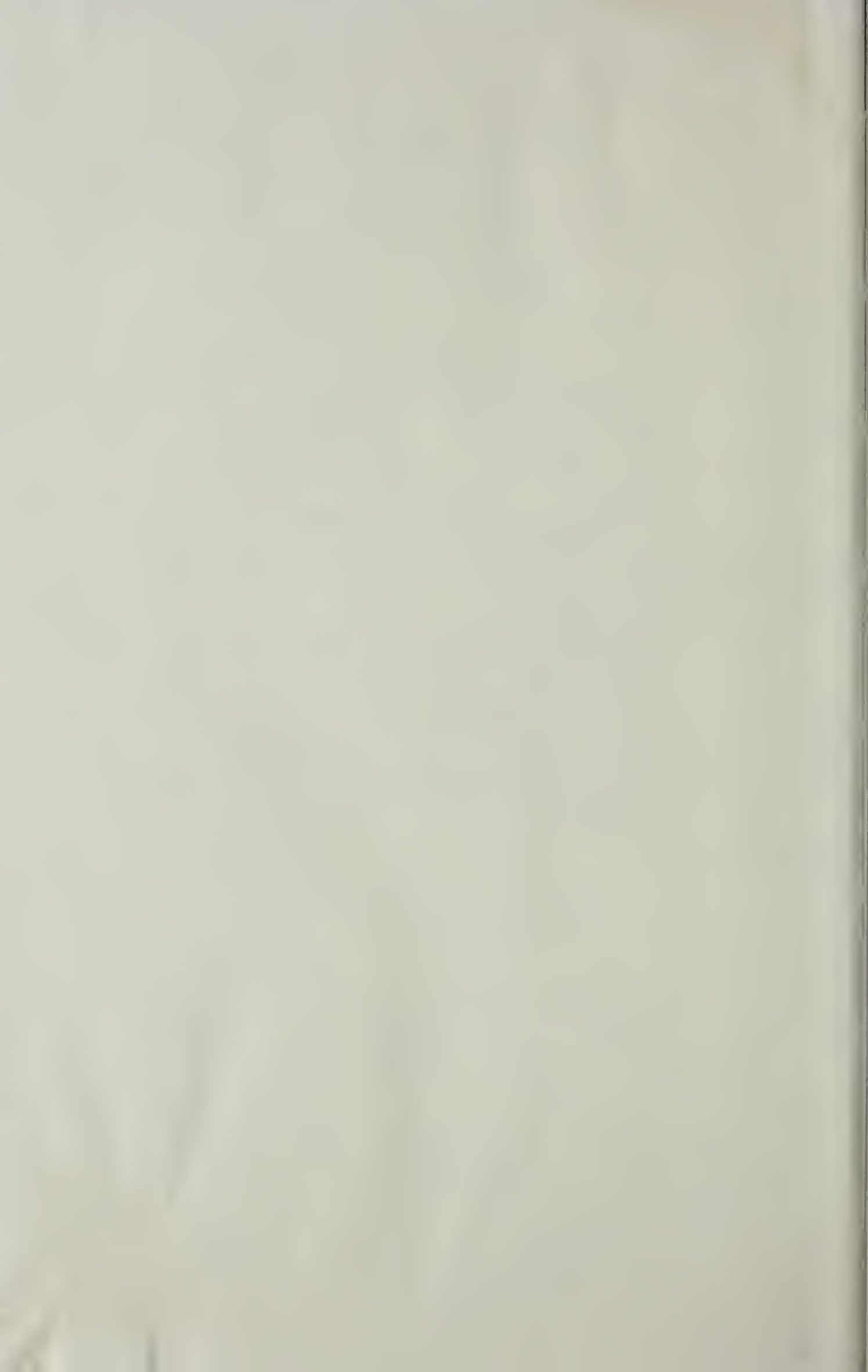


BIGGS FARM

The beautiful Monroe County farm of Augustus Chapman Biggs looking north across the meadow from the sight of the old homestead and the self-same spot where the brave and sturdy progenitor and Father Thomas Biggs arriving here after crossing the rugged Alleghanies exclaimed, "Right here I'll make my stand!"







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